

**Information booklet
for Parents and Guardians.**



Canolfan Iaith Gymraeg
Welsh Language Centre

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Our aim

Provide a happy and safe centre for the Vale of Glamorgan's Welsh Medium Primary School learners to unite and enjoy learning together.

Our objectives

- Develop literacy skills across the curriculum, with a particular focus on developing listening and speaking skills.
- Provide a rich learning environment and bespoke learning resources to support learners along their journey.
- Promote all learners' awareness of Welsh culture and enrich families' experiences of the language and culture

Language immersion

We use the language immersion method to teach the Welsh language to ensure that learners who are late to Welsh-medium education have sufficient competence to succeed and thrive subsequently in their mother school. This means that we communicate in Welsh only at the Language Centre. [Estyn \(2022\)](#) recently announced that Language Immersion is a "priority to support children learning Welsh", to enable children who are late to Welsh-medium education to acquire the language as an additional language.

We use varied and fun teaching language immersion methods to develop language, these include matching vocabulary with physical movements and pictures, playing language games and role play.

Benefits of being bilingual

There are a large number of benefits of being bilingual, you can read about some of them on the Vale of Glamorgan Council's website, [the benefits of being bilingual](#).

Prepare your child to learn Welsh

We welcome parents to get in touch with us to arrange for you and your child to visit us at the Centre before they start.

At the end of this booklet there is a list of apps and websites for you and your child to use to support you in learning and practising Welsh.

Length of your child's time at the Language Centre

Your child will spend a period of 12 weeks (not including school holidays) at the Language Centre, Monday to Thursday. Your child will attend the school where they are registered, every Friday during this period. This is intended to look after your child's welfare whilst ensuring that they have the opportunity to get to know their fellow learners and teachers in their school.

Timetable.

Your child will be at the Language Centre between 9am and 3pm.

Morning Session	9:00 - 11:40 (break time 10:15-10:30)
Lunchtime	11:40 - 12:45
Afternoon Session	12:45 - 15:00 (break time 13:45 - 14:00)

School Holidays

School year dates are published by the Vale of Glamorgan Council, see:

<https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk>

Appropriate notice is given of In-Service Training (INSET) days when the Language Centre will be closed to learners.

Transport Arrangements

You can transport your own child to the Centre, or take advantage of a taxi service organised by the County's transport department. We kindly ask you to let us know how you intend your child to arrive at the Centre so that taxi arrangements can be made, or to arrange a system to reimburse your petrol mileage costs, if applicable.

Lunch Arrangements

Your child can receive a school lunch or your child is welcome to bring a packed lunch to school. We also encourage your child to bring a water bottle and fruit with him/her to the Language Centre.

Attendance, Punctuality and Illness

Consistent and timely attendance is very important at the Language Centre to secure your child's language development. If your child is ill and therefore absent from the Language Centre, we kindly ask you to contact us to explain the absence.

Uniform

We encourage learners to wear the school uniform where they are registered when they come to the Language Centre.

Communication

We usually communicate with parents and guardians by email.

You are welcome to contact the the Language Centre staff to discuss issues over the telephone or make an appointment to meet the staff.

Connecting with the Welsh Community

We are very keen to support our learners and their families to use Welsh outside the Language Centre and to create links with the Welsh community locally, at County and National level.

You can learn about activities from the most prominent Welsh organisations for your child and family, by clicking on the links below:



- [The Urdd](#)
- [Menter Iaith Bro Morgannwg \(Vale Language Agency\)](#)
- [Learn Welsh The Vale](#)

Homework

We will set homework for your child occasionally. The purpose of this is to reinforce the work and support your child to practise their Welsh skills at home.

Your child will also receive a suitable book and/or vocabulary to read at home every Thursday. You are kindly asked to read this with your child over the weekend and note any comments you may have on the reading record provided, returning all books/resources by the following Tuesday.

Free resources to support your child .

Apps	
TRIC A CHLIC 	Phonics Programme - Learning letters and early reading (begin with the yellow letters) : https://apps.apple.com
ANTUR CYW 	An App for children to learn, play and have fun https://cyw.cymru/
CYW TIWB 	S4C programmes for young children https://cyw.cymru
CANEUON CŴL 1 	Songs for children https://apps.apple.com
LLYFRAU MAGI ANN 	Welsh reading for younger children https://play.google.com ; https://apps.apple.com
CAMPAU COSMIG 	An app to practice and expand language and numeracy skills https://apps.apple.com
BETSAN A ROCO YN Y PENTREF 	An opportunity for children to develop their Welsh literacy and numeracy skills in a fun way https://apps.apple.com
Websites and TV programmes	
CYW WEBSITE	A place to play games, sing and listen to stories, for children aged between Age 3 and 6 https://cyw.cymru/
STWNSH WEBSITE	Welsh children's television programmes, mainly for children aged 7 to 13 https://www.s4c.cymru/en/stwnsh/